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SUBJECT: RICE/COMMERCIAL POL AIRLIFT

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB FROM AMBASSADOR DEAN

REF: PHNOM PENH 4677

1. WE AWARE GREAT EFFORT BEING MADE TO SUPPLY OUR NEEDS THROUGH AIRLIFT. ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT LIFT IS COMPLICATED BY CONTINUED ROCKETING AND SHELLING OF POCHENTONG. HOWEVER, AS INDICATED REFTTEL, UNLESS NUMBER OF RICE SORTIES FROM SAIGON CAN BE INCREASED, WE RISK ENDANGERING PL 480 TITLE II RICE DISTRIBUTION WHICH IS ADDITIONAL TO PREVIOUS MINIMAL RICE DISTRIBUTION UNDERWAY HERE. OUR REQUIREMENT IS BETWEEN 17 AND 18 RICE SORTIES PER DAY TO PROVIDE 700 MT OF RICE. WE CURRENTLY ARE AVERAGING ONLY 11.3 RICE SORTIES, 458 MT PER DAY.

2. WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR EMPHASIZING TO CHARGE, AMERICAN EMBASSY, SAIGON, IMPORTANCE ENSURING THAT GVN MAINTAINS ADEQUATE SUPPLY LABOR MEET INCREASED SORTIE RATE NECESSARY AT THIS TIME. ALSO, SUGGEST YOU RE-EMPHASIZE TO DOD THAT ADEQUATE NUMBER OF PLANES AND EQUIPMENT MUST BE PROVIDED TO INCREASE NUMBER OF RICE SORTIES IN ORDER DELIVER 700 MT RICE PER DAY.

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